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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.
5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.
6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.
7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.
9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.
10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.
12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: —)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: - - -)

1974 - 1976

(000's)

350
340
330
320
310
300
290
280
270
260
250

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

35
30
25
20
15

(%) 10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2

1974 1975 1976



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

FEBRUARY 1976



STATE OF MONTANA

Montana total nonagricultural employment for January was 234,600, a decrease of 8,400 from December, but an increase of 7,700 from the same period one year ago. Total manufacturing employment in January was 21,500, down 700 from the previous month which was mainly attributable to the lumber and timber industry. Manufacturing employment was also down from one year ago by 100.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for January was 213,100 compared to 220,800 for December and 205,300 for January of last year. The mining industry lost 1,100 jobs from a year ago while contract construction was down by 700 jobs and transportation and utilities decreased 100. Industries recording employment increases were wholesale and retail trade, up 1,400; finance, insurance and real estate, up 500; services, up 2,600; local government, up 4,000, state government up 1,100 and federal government, up 100. State and local education together contributed to over three-fourths of the total government growth from one year ago.

In November, production of crude oil and condensate for Montana averaged 89,788 barrels daily, an increase of 158 barrels from October, however, this was a decrease of 1,473 barrels from November of 1974. During the month 63 wells were completed including 7 oil, 12 gas and 44 dry holes. In October, 166 wells were completed including 15 oil, 63 gas and 88 dry while in November of 1974, there were 91 wells completed of which 3 were oil, 51 were gas and 37 were dry. During November of 1975 there were 72 permits issued to drill new wells a decrease of 21 from the previous month and a drop of 31 from a year ago from the same month.

Montana bank debits for 1975 totaled \$2.9 billion or a 37% increase over the previous year. Only four communities reported decreases from the previous year: Sidney, down 7%; Miles City, down 8%; Anaconda, down 10% and Kalispell down 4%. The state's December labor turnover rate for manufacturing at 2.0% compared to 1.7% for November and 2.0% for the same month in 1974. The total manufacturing separation rate for December was 2.9%, down from the 3.4% recorded in November and the 3.7% recorded in December one year ago. The mining separation rate for December was 5.4%, up from the 4.9% recorded last month and the 3.2% for December 1974.

Farmers in Montana harvested approximately 9,094,000 acres in 1975, an increase of 1.6% from a year ago. Valuation of crops harvested was 3% above last year. Winter wheat production increased 34% from 1974 while hard spring wheat produced was 11% ahead of a year ago. Durum wheat production was twice that of 1974. For feed grain production in 1975 in Montana: barley increased 37%, oats increased 22%; corn was down 20% and hay production was 3% above the previous year. Sugarbeet and potato acreage was up in 1975 but their yields were down while alfalfa seed production dropped 69% from the year before. Dry bean production was up 14%. Money received for all crops in the state by mid-January was 21% from the previous year.

Total cattle and calves in Montana at the 1975 year's end was down 6% from last year but the total money received was up 21% as the average price per head increased \$45. Total cattle and calves in the United States decreased 3% from last year. The Montana calf crop was down 3% from a year ago while the calf crop for the United States was down 1%.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

Total sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 635,000 down 11% from a year earlier while the total cost increased 23%. For the United States the inventory of all sheep and lambs showed a decline of 8% from a year earlier and a 19% decline from 2 years ago. Total value of all sheep and lambs in the Country was 12% below last year. The lamb crop for Montana is down 12% from 1974 while it decreased 7% for the United States.

Montana's total private weekly earnings for January showed an increase of nearly 10% over the same month one year ago while real spendable weekly earnings showed an increase of 3%. The nation's consumer price index in January increased 6.8% from one year ago.

Total private average hourly earnings were \$4.55 in January, a 7.6% increase from the same month last year while average weekly hours were up 2%. The transportation, communications, electric, gas and sanitary service industry recorded the largest gain for average hourly wages from a year ago, increasing 13.8%, however, it was the only industry to record a decrease for hours worked per week from last January, decreasing by 1.2%. The contract construction industry showed the smallest increase in average hourly earnings at 2%, but employees worked an average of 4.4 hours more per week than in January 1975, which is a 13.8% increase and the highest recorded by any industry.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)



Total nonagricultural employment for Cascade County totaled 27,000 in January 1976, a decrease of 800 from the previous month but an increase of 700 from a year ago. Industries showing the largest

increases from last year were in the wholesale, retail and service trade while decreases were noted in manufacturing, contract construction, transportation and utilities. Building activity continued in the city on a new Vo-Tech center, a new hospital, several new buildings at Malmstrom Air Force Base, a new Youth Center, several major remodeling projects in downtown Great Falls and an addition to a shopping center located on the city's west side. There were 939 building permits issued in Great Falls from January through November 1975 with a total valuation of \$23.1 million. Last year for the same period 915 permits were issued with a valuation \$10.7 million.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)



During 1975 the city of Billings issued 1,406 building permits with a total valuation of \$45.7 million including 963 housing units. During 1974 there were 1,085 permits issued with a

total valuation of nearly \$29 million, including 641 housing units. Highlights of the 1975 building activity in Billings included the first phase of the new Rimrock mall regional shopping center, the \$7.8 million new addition to a hospital that is in progress, the house building boom and a proposed new highrise office bank complex that is scheduled to begin in the near future. Total nonagricultural employment in Yellowstone County was 38,400, a decrease of 1,600 from the previous month and an increase of 1,500 from a year ago. Industries showing gains in employment over last year were wholesale and retail trade, services, government and finance insurance and real estate. Those industries showing decreases from January 1975 were manufacturing contract construction and transportation and public utilities.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA



There were 216 building permits issued in Butte and Anaconda during the first eleven months of 1975 with a total valuation of \$5.3 million. Last year for the same period 193 permits were issued valued at \$7.5 million. The city of Deer Lodge reported a record setting pace in the construction of private and commercial property since the beginning of

the new year. It was announced that a sawmill in Powell County will add another shift which will employ 18 workers. It was also announced in the County that a local phosphate mining plant will be shutting down, affecting a work force of about 40 people. At Dillon, two renovation construction projects are taking place while feeding and calving are the major agricultural activities.

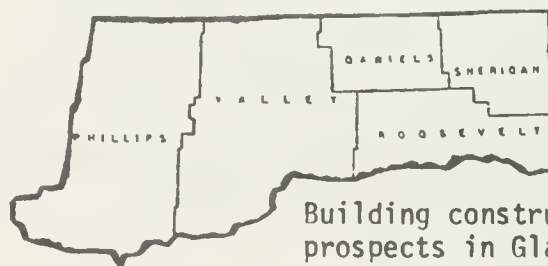
BOZEMAN LMA



The city of Livingston received a boost to its local economy during the month as a total of 41 new jobs were posted by a local railroad company. During the first eleven months of 1975 there were 123 building permits issued in Livingston valued at \$1.4 million while last year for the same time there were 113 permits issued valued at \$924,000.

The city of Bozeman for the first eleven months issued 247 building permits with a total valuation of \$6.4 million compared to last year when 243 permits were issued valued at \$9.7 million. The 1975 Bozeman bank debits were up 10% over the previous year while Livingston's debits increased 6%. Area agricultural activities continued to revolve around feeding and care of livestock with calving and some small scale lambing taking place.

GLASGOW LMA



Building construction prospects in Glasgow are expected to be favorable this year boosted by a new hospital building that is expected to begin in April. Through the first eleven months of 1975 the city of Glasgow issued 50 building permits with a total valuation of \$1.1 million. Last year for the same time, 42 permits were issued valued at \$744,000. At Wolf Point, 26 building permits were issued from January through November valued at \$613,000 while last year for the same period there were 23 permits issued with a total valuation of \$401,000. A major oil company has proposed a drilling agreement with the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation for exploration and production on 200,000 acres of tribal lands.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

GLENDIVE LMA

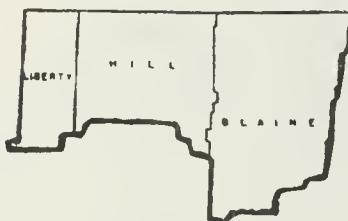


Building activity increased at a steady rate inside the city limits of Glendive during 1975 while

building activity outside the city increased more rapidly. Forty-six building permits were issued in the city for the year valued at \$1.1 million. A fast food drive-in opened in Glendive during the past month, and a new savings and loan company is setting up. At Sidney, 111 building permits were issued for the first 11 months of 1975 valued at \$1.1 million compared with a year ago when 146 permits were issued with a total valuation of \$1.5 million. During January the sugar processing factory has approximately 720 full-time employees but will show the normal seasonal decline during the next two months.

1975 at a cost of \$346,000. Last year for the same period, 49 permits were issued with a total valuation of \$928,000. The ski season continued at full pace at Red Lodge giving its normal boost to the local economy, especially in the service industry. All other activities were reported to be slow during the past month.

HAVRE LMA



Havre's economy was reported to be good in 1975 with activities in agriculture, railroad, and the community's new hospital

mainly responsible. For the first 11 months of 1975, there were 119 building permits issued with an average valuation of \$28,000. One year earlier for the same period, 109 permits were issued averaging \$15,880. Wholesale and retail trade and service industries remained steady during the past month and good weather conditions allowed most construction projects to continue. Exploration drilling has been slow the last several weeks, and the main agricultural activity was winter feeding.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



The city of Hardin issued 17 building permits during the first 11 months of

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)



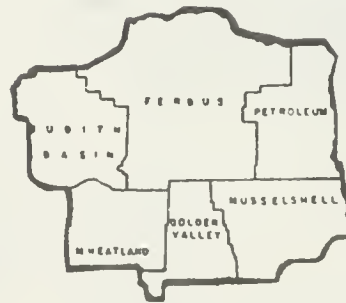
HELENA LMA

Plans for the new Federal building in Helena were announced this month and it is expected to cost nearly \$10 million.

Announced plans in the area for commercial development give promise for a strong year ahead along with residential

construction. Also construction of a new restaurant is to be announced later this month. There were 882 building permits issued in Helena for the first eleven months of 1975 with a total valuation of more than \$12 million. For the same period one year ago 324 permits were issued valued at \$8.7 million.

office building, and a tribal dental clinic. At Kalispell the first major construction project was announced in 1976 for a \$2 million motel addition that will include 68 new rooms and a convention facility with work to begin in April.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Preparation for construction of the new hospital at Lewistown took place this month and work continued on the Big Casino Creek dam site de-

signed for flood control for the city of Lewistown. Also this month in Lewistown removal of buildings took place to make way for a new addition to a local bank. The city of Lewistown issued 92 building permits during the first eleven months of 1975 with a total valuation of \$1.1 million while last year for the same period 101 permits were issued valued at \$885,000. Sawmill and agricultural activities were reported to be picking up in the labor area. Bank debits for Lewistown increased 1% in 1975 from the previous year.



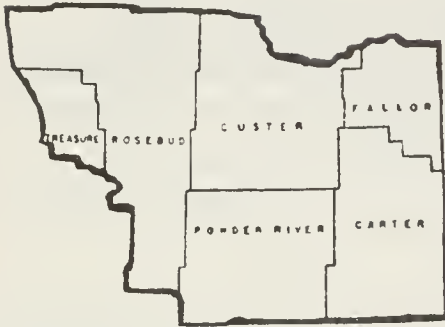
KALISPELL LMA

There was an upturn in Flathead's lumber industry as a local sawmill reopened employing 25 workers. By the end of January there were 112 employed at the Libby dam site in

Lincoln County. The city of Ronan reported to have \$545,912 in construction in 1975 while in Polson, 76 building permits were issued totaling \$1.5 million. Major construction projects in Polson included the start of a 46 unit apartment complex, a new county

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

MILES CITY LMA

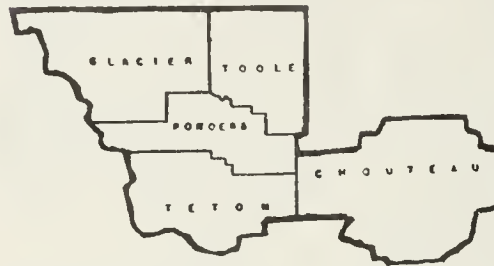


No significant changes were reported for any of the major industries in the Miles City Labor Market area. The Colstrip power plant

project continued with some slow down in its work force while construction activities in other parts of the area were slow. There were 324 building permits issued in city of Miles City at a cost of \$2.5 million from January through November of 1975 compared to 1974 when 235 permits were issued valued at \$1.7 million. Bank debits for Miles City decreased 8% in 1975 from the previous year.

second shift in February that will employ 16 people and in Plains a mill will reopen with an employment of approximately 60 persons. In the Bitterroot valley, a firm that will house a steel and fabrication facility is setting up operations that could employ about 50 persons. At Dixon in Sanders County a federal grant for \$300,000 was received for 30 new full-time jobs that will last one year. The city of Missoula, the hub of the labor market area issued 635 building permits for the first eleven months valued at over \$19 million and including 458 housing units. Last year for the same period 562 permits were issued at a cost of \$16.5 million including 439 housing units.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



There were 86 building permits issued in Cut Bank during the first eleven months of 1975 with a total valuation of

\$353,000. Last year for the same period there were 64 permits issued valued at \$559,000. In 1975 the bank debits for the area were up 7% over last year.

MISSOULA LMA



Two major remodeling projects will take place in Missoula this year including a large downtown department store and a \$2 million renovating project to a federal building. Two other Missoula department stores announced this

month that they will close in the spring, affecting about 50 people. A sawmill near Missoula will open a

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's anticipated civilian labor force for February is forecast to be 320,700 or a 1.1% increase from one year ago for the same time. Total February employment is projected at 290,000 or a 1.5% increase from last year while total unemployment is expected to show a decrease of 3.2%. February's total nonagricultural employment is predicted to show 3.2% increase but at the same time agriculture employment is expected to decrease 7.2%. Wholesale, retail and service activities will continue to show most of Montana's labor activity through 1976. Manufacturing employment may also have an increase which would be mainly attributed to the anticipated upswing in the lumber industry.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1976

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	312	64	2,120
CETA-CEP	82	31	233
CETA-INST.	59	6	237
CETA-OJT	29	38	96
JOB CORPS	48	22	256
PSE	125	90	1,184

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.^{1/} (1967 = 100)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Jan. 1976</u>	<u>Percent Change From:</u> <u>Dec. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1975</u>
All Items	166.7	0.2%	6.8%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{2/}

JANUARY 1976

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	3.9%
Female	24.9%
Youth	10.1%
Over 45	24.4%

^{1/} The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

^{2/} Based on 10% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ²
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	9.2	5.6	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	8.1	5.7	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	7.6	5.3	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	6.8	4.8	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	5.6	4.6	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	6.9	5.8	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	6.0	5.6	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	5.3	5.3	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	5.2	5.7	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	5.6	5.5	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	7.0	6.2	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	7.7	6.7	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	9.3	9.0	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	10.0	9.1	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	9.2	9.1	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	8.7	8.6	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	7.1	8.3	.1
June	355.6	326.0	282.4	43.6	29.6	8.3	9.1	.1
July	350.5	324.9	282.7	42.2	25.6	7.3	8.7	.2
August	352.0	329.1	284.0	45.1	22.9	6.5	8.2	*
September	340.1	317.7	282.5	35.2	22.4	6.6	8.1	.3
October	328.4	304.4	274.5	29.9	24.0	7.3	7.8	.2
November	329.0	302.4	274.4	28.0	26.6	8.1	7.8	.2
December	326.2	296.5	271.4	25.1	29.7	9.1	7.8	.2
1975 Avg.	332.0	305.2	271.7	33.5	26.8	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	318.2	284.9	261.5	23.4	33.3	10.5	8.8	*
February	320.7	290.0	264.5	25.5	30.7	9.6		
March								
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Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Series began January 1970.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

* Under 50.

Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
County	State							
<u>1974</u>								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	9.3	9.2	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	7.6	8.1	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	7.2	7.6	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	6.2	6.8	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	6.2	5.6	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	7.3	6.9	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	6.4	6.0	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	5.8	5.3	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	5.6	5.2	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	5.5	5.6	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	6.3	7.0	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
<u>1975</u>								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	8.4	9.3	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	9.5	10.0	*
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	8.5	9.2	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.7	.1
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	7.0	7.1	*
June	35.3	32.5	30.8	1.7	2.8	8.1	8.3	*
July	34.8	32.1	30.4	1.7	2.7	7.9	7.3	*
August	34.9	32.4	30.6	1.8	2.5	7.1	6.5	*
September	34.5	32.1	30.7	1.4	2.4	7.1	6.6	*
October	34.1	31.4	30.2	1.2	2.7	7.9	7.3	*
November	33.4	30.8	29.7	1.1	2.6	7.8	8.1	*
December	32.8	30.0	29.0	1.0	2.8	8.5	9.1	*
1975 Avg.	33.6	30.9	29.6	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
<u>1976</u>								
January	32.3	29.1	28.2	.9	3.2	9.9	10.5	*
February	32.3	29.2	28.2	1.0	3.1	9.7	9.6	*
March								
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Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

RESIDENCE DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	7.8	9.2	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	5.9	8.1	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	5.4	7.6	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	4.9	6.8	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	4.4	5.6	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	6.3	6.9	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	5.3	6.0	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	4.4	5.3	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	4.4	5.2	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	4.2	5.6	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	5.4	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	7.9	9.3	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	8.0	10.0	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	7.9	9.2	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	7.4	8.7	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	5.6	7.1	*
June	48.4	45.0	43.0	2.0	3.4	7.0	8.3	*
July	48.5	45.3	43.4	1.9	3.2	6.6	7.3	*
August	48.6	45.6	43.5	2.1	3.0	6.3	6.5	*
September	48.1	45.2	43.6	1.6	2.9	6.0	6.6	.2
October	48.6	45.8	44.4	1.4	2.8	5.8	7.3	.2
November	49.1	46.2	44.9	1.3	2.9	5.8	8.1	*
December	48.4	45.3	44.1	1.2	3.1	6.5	9.0	*
1975 Avg.	47.3	44.1	42.6	1.5	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	47.1	43.3	42.2	1.1	3.8	8.0	10.1	*
February	47.1	44.0	42.3	1.7	3.1	6.7		
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Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Series began January 1970.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

* Under 50.

Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.

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Statewide Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JAN. 1976	DEC. 1975	JAN. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				DEC. 1975	JAN. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	318.2	326.2	312.8	-8.0	5.4
2. Unemployment	33.3	29.7	28.9	3.6	4.4
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	10.5	9.1	9.3	1.4	1.2
3. Employment, Total	284.9	296.5	283.9	-11.6	1.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)					
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data) ..	234.6	243.0	226.9	-8.4	7.7
MANUFACTURING	21.5	22.2	21.6	-.7	-.1
Durable Goods	13.3	14.0	13.3	-.7	0
24 Lumber and Wood Products	7.8	8.4	7.3	-.6	.5
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	-.4
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.6	2.6	-.1	-.1
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	-.1
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	-.1
NONMANUFACTURING	213.1	220.8	205.3	-7.7	7.8
Mining	6.1	6.1	7.2	0	-1.1
10 Metal Mining	2.5	2.5	3.7	0	-1.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ..	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0

<u>Contract Construction</u>	9.9	11.4	10.6	-1.5	.7
15 General Building Contractors	3.8	4.3	4.6	-.5	-.8
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.5	2.3	1.8	-.8	-.3
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.6	4.8	4.2	-.2	.4
<u>Transportation and Public Utilities</u>	18.5	19.1	18.6	-.6	-.1
40 Railroad Transportation	5.7	5.9	6.3	-.2	-.6
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.6	5.9	5.3	-.3	.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	7.2	7.3	7.0	-.1	.2
<u>Wholesale and Retail Trade</u>	56.8	61.3	55.4	-4.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	11.4	11.7	11.6	-.3	-.2
Retail Trade	45.4	49.6	43.8	-4.2	1.6
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ..	8.1	9.5	7.7	-1.4	.4
54 Food Stores	6.1	6.4	6.3	-.3	-.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	8.1	7.9	-.2	0
58 Eating and Drinking Places	13.8	14.9	12.9	-1.1	.9
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. .	9.5	10.7	9.0	-1.2	.5
<u>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</u>	10.2	10.4	9.7	-.2	.5
<u>Services</u>	44.8	45.3	42.2	-.5	2.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.9	5.2	4.9	-.3	0
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.5	2.4	-.1	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.6	14.4	14.0	.2	.6
Other Services	22.9	23.2	20.9	-.3	2.0
<u>Government</u>	66.8	67.2	61.6	-.4	5.2
91 Federal Government	13.1	13.5	13.0	-.4	.1
State and Local Government	53.7	53.7	48.6	.0	5.1
92 State Government	19.7	19.6	18.6	.1	1.1
93 Local Government	34.0	34.1	30.0	-.1	4.0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	29.1	30.5	28.7	-1.4	.4
(c) Agriculture	23.4	25.1	26.8	-1.7	-3.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/}	.2	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

^{3/} Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.

* Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table V
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JAN. 1976	DEC. 1975	JAN. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				DEC. 1975	JAN. 1976
1. Civilian Labor Force	32.3	32.8	31.6	-.5	.7
2. Unemployment	3.2	2.8	2.6	.4	.6
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	9.9	8.5	8.4	1.4	1.5
3. Employment, Total	29.1	30.0	29.0	-.9	.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	26.0	26.7	25.8	-.7	.2
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	27.0	27.8	26.3	-.8	.7
MANUFACTURING	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	-.1
NONMANUFACTURING	25.3	26.1	24.5	-.8	.8
Contract Construction	1.2	1.4	1.3	-.2	-.1
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	-.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8.0	8.6	7.7	-.6	.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	.1
Services and Mining	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	.5
Government	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	2.2	2.3	2.2	-.1	0
(c) Agriculture	.9	1.0	1.0	-.1	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/}	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary.
^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households. Revised to 1975 Benchmark.
^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a). * Under 50.
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration
and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table VI
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JAN. 1976	DEC. 1975	JAN. 1975	Net Changes Current Month from	
				DEC. 1975	JAN. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	47.1	48.4	44.9	-1.3	2.2
2. Unemployment	3.8	3.1	3.5	.7	.3
<i>Percent of Labor Force</i> ^{1/}	8.0	6.5	7.9	1.5	.1
3. Employment, Total	43.3	45.3	41.4	-2.0	1.9
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	38.1	39.8	36.3	-1.7	1.8
<i>NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY</i> <i>(Establishment Data)</i>	38.4	40.0	36.9	-1.6	1.5
<i>MANUFACTURING</i>	3.4	3.5	3.7	-.1	-.3
<i>NONMANUFACTURING</i>	35.0	36.5	33.2	-1.5	1.8
Contract Construction	1.8	2.0	2.0	-.2	-.2
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	3.2	3.3	3.4	-.1	-.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	12.5	13.3	11.5	-.8	1.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	.2
Services and Mining	8.1	8.2	7.6	-.1	.5
Government	7.4	7.7	6.9	-.3	.5
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	4.1	4.3	3.9	-.2	.2
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.2	1.2	-.1	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/} *	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a).

Establishment Series began January 1958.

Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration
and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Current month preliminary

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks

* Under 1

Residence Series began January, 1976

WOMEN MAINTAIN FORTY PERCENT-PLUS INVOLVEMENT

Female employment in January dropped 3,100 from the previous month due to the normal post-holiday season slowdown in job activities. Last year for the same period 3,400 women were affected.

Despite this major cutback, women have maintained a 40%-plus involvement in Montana's work force for the third consecutive month. The ratio of women to men would have been much higher if Montana had experienced an average winter. Mild temperatures and only minimal snow accumulation have helped to maintain employment in many male dominated industries which normally would have experienced heavy layoffs.

The largest industry-wide layoffs of women workers occurred in trade where 2,600 jobs were lost. Most other industries experienced slight declines in female employment this month but maintained numbers higher than a year ago.

In January employment of females in finance, insurance and real estate was as high as any level reached in 1975 and 500 more than were recorded for the same time one year ago. Female government employment this month showed an increase of 3,200 from a year ago while male employment recorded a gain of 2,000. During the first month of 1976 women made up 45.2% of total government workers throughout the state compared to 43.8% for the same period last year. In manufacturing female employment increased 1% from a year ago when overall employment for the industry was slightly down.

There was a total of over 18,000 regular unemployment insurance claims filed during the survey week in January. A decrease in the total number of claims filed in February is the beginning of the normal seasonal decline which will continue throughout the next few months.

Of the over 16,000 regular UI claims recorded in February just over 24% were filed by women, a 3% increase from a year ago. January employment of women is expected to be the low point for the year. A steady increase in female employment can be anticipated until the midsummer cutback in educational services.

See our next issue for annual recaps of female employment estimates.

Table VII

MONTANA

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

January 1976

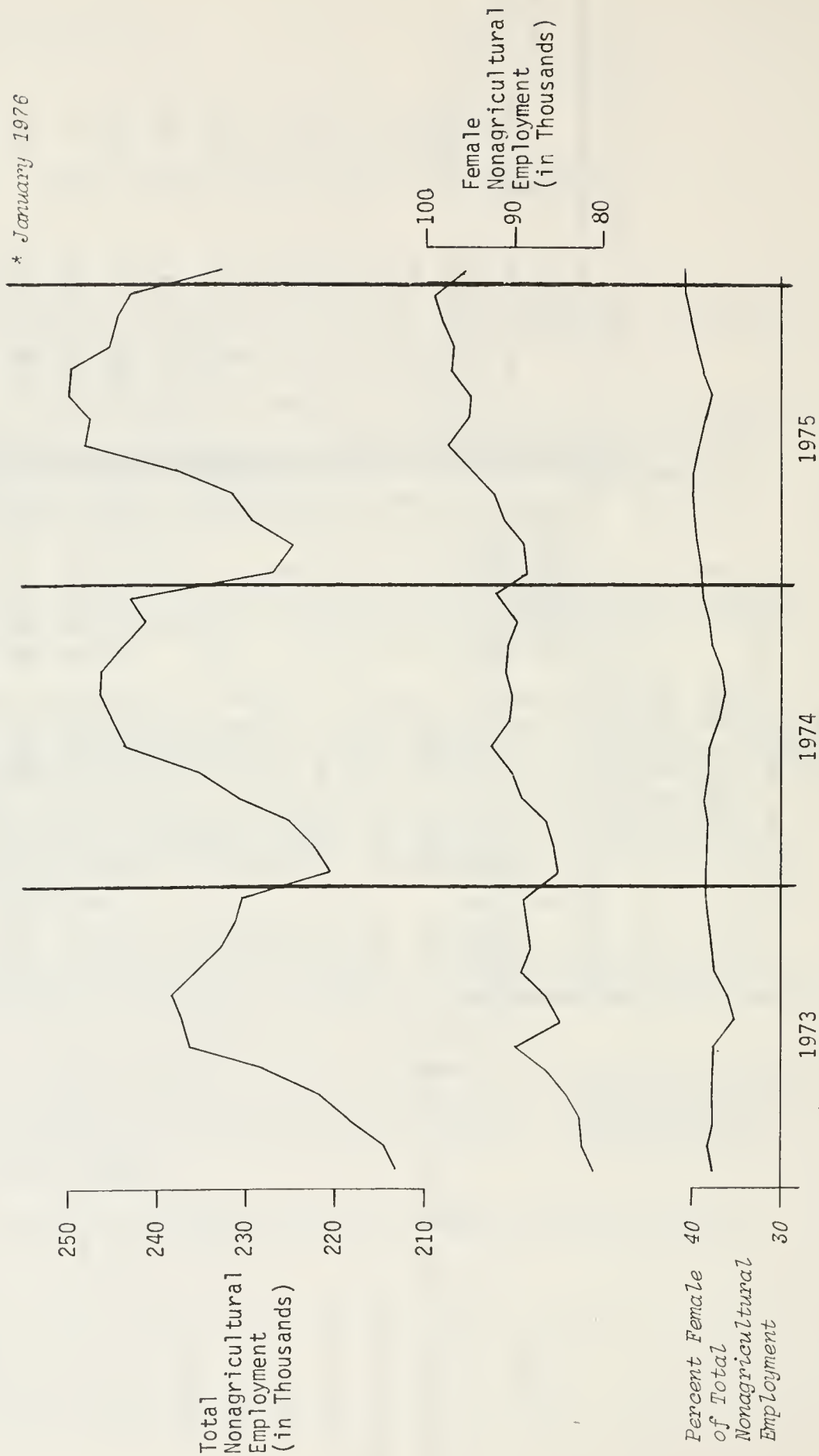
(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	FEMALE EMPLOYMENT				TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COMPARISON				
	Jan. 1/ 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975	Net Change to Current Month From:	January 1976		January 1975		
					Total	Percent Women	Total	Percent Women	
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Workers .	95.3	98.4	88.6	-3.1	6.7	234.6	40.6	226.9	39.0
Manufacturing	2.5	2.6	2.3	-0.1	0.2	21.5	11.6	21.6	10.6
Nonmanufacturing	92.8	95.8	86.3	-3.0	6.5	213.1	43.5	205.3	42.0
Mining	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0	6.1	4.9	7.2	4.2
Contract Construction	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0	9.9	8.1	10.6	7.5
Transportation & Public Utilities .	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	0.2	18.5	18.9	18.6	17.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	23.4	26.0	22.6	-2.6	0.8	56.8	41.2	55.4	40.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate ..	6.4	6.4	5.9	0	0.5	10.2	62.7	9.7	60.8
Services	28.2	28.3	26.4	-0.1	1.8	44.8	62.9	42.2	62.6
Government ^{2/}	30.2	30.4	27.0	-0.2	3.2	66.8	45.2	61.6	43.8

1/ Current month preliminary.

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Nonagricultural Employment



* Indicates last month of plotted data.

Graph II
MONTANA

Regular Unemployment Insurance Claims^{1/}



^{1/} Data Source: E. S. 210 "Weekly Summary of Claims filed as reported by Local Offices". Does not include Extended Benefit Programs. Reference week is that which includes the 12th of each month.
* Indicates last month of plotted data.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976
STATEWIDE	329.0	326.2	318.2	302.4	296.5	284.9	26.6	29.7	33.3	8.1	9.1	10.5
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.4	32.8	32.3	30.8	30.0	29.1	2.6	2.8	3.2	7.8	8.5	9.9
BILLINGS SMSA	49.1	48.4	47.1	46.2	45.3	43.3	2.9	3.1	3.8	5.8	6.5	8.0
^{2/} BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	246.5	244.9	238.8	225.4	221.2	212.5	21.1	23.7	26.3	8.6	9.7	11.0
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.8	35.8	35.0	32.1	31.7	30.7	3.7	4.1	4.3	10.4	11.6	12.3
BOZEMAN	24.0	23.8	23.0	22.1	21.6	20.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	7.9	9.0	10.0
GLASGOW	15.9	15.8	15.2	15.0	14.6	13.9	.9	1.2	1.3	5.9	7.4	8.6
GLENDIVE	13.1	13.0	12.8	12.5	12.3	11.8	.6	.7	1.0	4.8	5.7	7.7
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.1	9.9	9.4	.7	.9	1.0	6.3	8.0	9.1
HAVRE	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.1	10.8	10.4	.6	.7	.9	5.6	6.5	8.3
HELENA	21.6	21.4	21.3	20.0	19.8	19.3	1.6	1.6	2.0	7.3	7.3	9.4
KALISPELL	32.8	32.7	31.8	28.3	27.8	26.7	4.5	4.9	5.1	13.6	15.0	16.1
LEWISTOWN	10.7	10.7	10.3	10.1	9.9	9.4	.6	.8	.9	5.4	7.4	8.8
MILES CITY	13.2	13.1	12.9	12.5	12.2	11.7	.7	.9	1.2	5.3	6.9	9.0
MISSOULA	40.1	39.9	38.9	35.7	35.1	34.0	4.4	4.7	4.9	11.0	11.8	12.7
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.8	16.5	15.9	15.9	15.5	14.5	.9	1.1	1.4	5.5	6.4	8.6

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

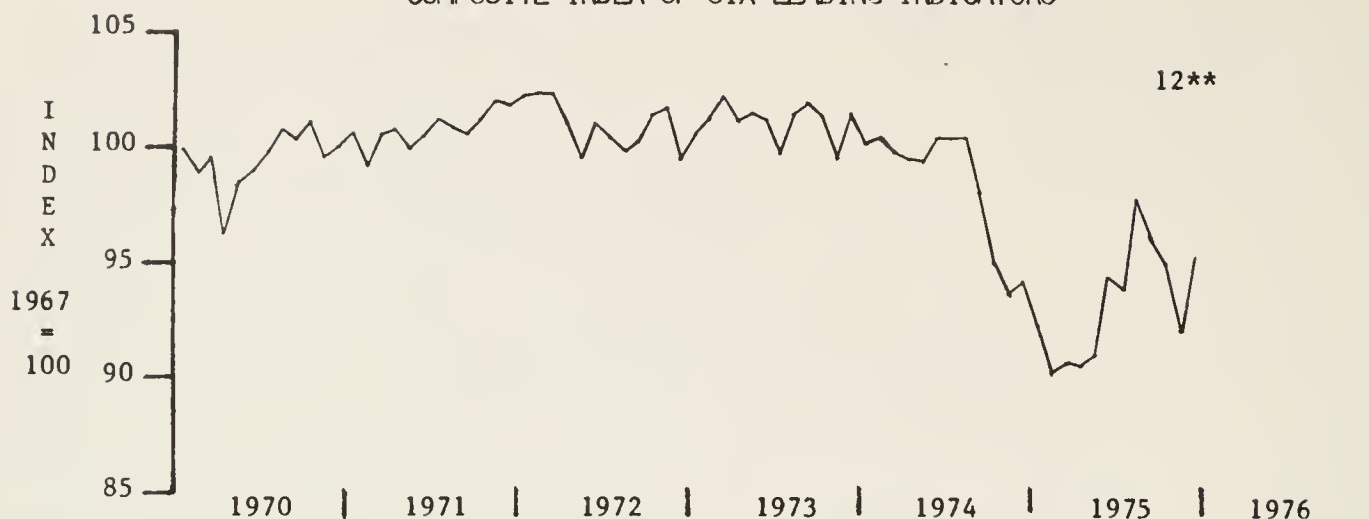
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	
	Percent Change			Percent Change			Net Change			Net Change	
	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975	1975 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975	1975 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975	1975 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975 1976
STATEWIDE	318.2	312.8	1.7	284.9	283.9	.4	33.3	28.9	4.4	10.5	9.3 1.2
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.3	31.6	2.2	29.1	29.0	.3	3.2	2.6	.6	9.9	8.4 1.5
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ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.0	34.7	.9	30.7	31.6	-2.8	4.3	3.1	1.2	12.3	9.0 3.3
BOZEMAN	23.0	23.5	-2.1	20.7	21.2	-2.4	2.3	2.3	0	10.0	9.7 .3
GLASGOW	15.2	14.6	4.1	13.9	13.6	2.2	1.3	1.0	.3	8.6	6.8 1.9
GLENDIVE	12.8	12.0	6.7	11.8	11.4	3.5	1.0	.6	.4	7.7	5.6 2.2
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.4	10.0	4.0	9.4	9.0	4.4	1.0	1.0	0	9.1	9.2 -.9
HAVRE	11.3	10.9	3.7	10.4	10.1	3.0	.9	.8	.1	8.3	7.5 .5
HELENA	21.3	21.4	-.5	19.3	19.7	-2.0	2.0	1.7	.3	9.4	8.1 1.3
KALISPELL	31.8	30.4	4.6	26.7	25.6	4.3	5.1	4.8	.3	16.1	15.3 .5
LEWISTOWN	10.3	9.2	12.0	9.4	8.5	10.6	.9	.7	.2	8.8	7.5 1.3
MILES CITY	12.9	13.6	-5.1	11.7	12.8	-8.6	1.2	.8	.4	9.0	6.5 2.5
MISSOULA	38.9	39.7	-2.0	34.0	35.0	-2.9	4.9	4.7	.2	12.7	11.5 .3
SHELBY-CUT BANK	15.9	16.1	-1.2	14.5	14.9	-2.7	1.4	1.2	.2	8.6	7.1 1.5

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1974

January	100.0
February	100.2
March	99.7
April	99.4
May	99.3
June	100.3
July	100.2
August	100.2
September	97.8
October	94.7
November	93.4
December	94.0

1975

January	92.1
February	90.0
March	90.5
April	90.4
May	90.8
June	94.2
July	93.7
August	97.6
September	95.7
October	94.7
November	91.8
December	95.2

MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

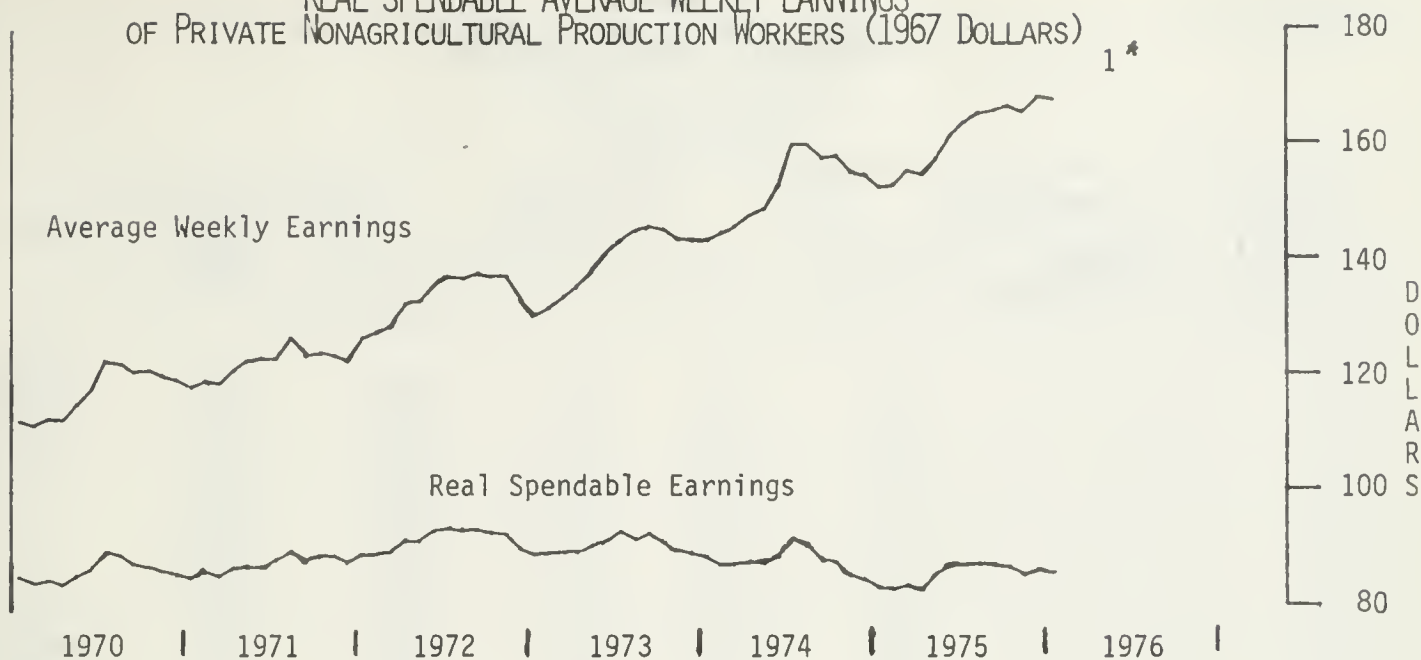
December's Composite Index jumped from 91.8 in November to 95.2, a clear improvement for the future of Montana's economy. Although the Composite Index for 1975 is lower than that of 1974, the December trend appears to be a start in an improvement of the Composite Index in 1976. All of the 6 indicators - Accessions, Layoffs, Weekly Initial Claims, Average Manufacturing Weekly Hours, Manufacturing Employment, Building Permits - show positive trends in December.

This series has been changed to reflect 1975 benchmarks.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Jan. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	\$166.99	\$167.81	\$152.28
Taxes Withheld	23.94	24.17	22.42
Spendable Earnings	143.04	143.63	129.86
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	57.23	57.26	46.67
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.81	86.36	83.19

1975	Average Weekly Earnings ^{1/}	Real Spendable Earnings ^{2/}
Jan.	\$152.28	\$83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	165.98	86.48
Nov.	165.34	85.67
Dec.	163.44	86.60
1976		
Jan.	166.99p	85.81p
Feb.		
Mar.		
Apr.		
May		
June		

Through the combined efforts of slight decreases in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings, average weekly earnings declined in January to \$166.99 from the December level of \$167.81. Meanwhile, consumer prices increased 0.2 percent, which is, incidentally, the lowest monthly increase since July of 1973. Consequently, real spendable earnings declined from \$86.36 in December to \$85.81 in November. These figures are not altogether pessimistic, since real spendable earnings for the third consecutive month have surpassed those corresponding to the same months of a year ago.

* Indicate last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary

1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	8.6	8.9	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	8.2	9.2	.1
June	336.6	307.3	272.6	34.7	29.3	8.7	8.6	.1
July	329.9	303.3	271.7	31.6	26.6	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.5	303.7	273.1	30.6	25.8	7.8	8.4	*
September	333.0	307.0	277.5	29.5	26.0	7.8	8.3	.3
October	333.5	306.0	273.5	32.5	27.5	8.3	8.6	.2
November	338.2	311.0	276.5	34.5	27.2	8.0	8.3	.2
December	339.2	310.6	275.3	35.3	28.6	8.4	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	332.0	305.2	271.7	33.5	26.8	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	335.2	307.6	273.3	34.3	27.6	8.2	7.8	*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table XI
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.6	.1
May	33.8	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	7.6	8.2	*
June	33.7	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.5	7.4	8.7	*
July	33.5	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
August	33.7	31.1	30.0	1.1	2.6	7.8	7.8	*
September	33.8	31.2	30.1	1.1	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
October	34.2	31.2	30.0	1.2	3.0	8.7	8.2	*
November	33.9	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.0	*
December	33.5	30.6	29.2	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.4	*
1975 Avg.	33.6	30.9	29.6	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.6	30.9	29.5	1.4	2.7	8.1	8.2	
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

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Series began January 1970.

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Table XII
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

RESIDENCE DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	7.9	8.6	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	6.5	8.2	*
June	46.8	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.2	6.8	8.7	*
July	47.0	43.9	42.6	1.3	3.1	6.7	8.1	*
August	47.8	44.6	43.0	1.6	3.2	6.7	7.8	*
September	48.2	45.0	43.6	1.4	3.2	6.6	7.8	.2
October	48.2	45.0	43.6	1.4	3.2	6.6	8.2	.2
November	48.8	45.8	44.2	1.6	3.0	6.1	8.0	*
December	48.5	45.5	43.8	1.7	3.0	6.2	8.4	*
1975 Avg.	47.3	44.1	42.6	1.5	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	48.6	45.3	43.8	1.5	3.3	6.8	8.2	
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

Series began January 1970.

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Current month preliminary.

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MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JANUARY 1976

	<u>Average Weekly Earnings</u>			<u>Average Weekly Hours</u>			<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>		
	<u>Jan. 1976</u>	<u>Dec. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1976</u>	<u>Dec. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1976</u>	<u>Dec. 1975</u>	<u>Jan. 1975</u>
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$166.99	\$167.81	\$152.28	36.7	36.8	36.0	\$4.55	\$4.56	\$4.23
MANUFACTURING	221.69	220.49	195.30	39.8	39.8	37.2	5.57	5.54	5.25
Durable Goods	225.50	222.49	193.29	41.0	40.5	37.1	5.50	5.48	5.21
Primary Metal Industries	251.54	249.05	237.39	39.8	40.3	41.0	6.32	6.18	5.79
Nondurable Goods	211.18	215.07	200.09	36.6	37.6	37.4	5.77	5.72	5.35
Food and Kindred Products	187.73	192.53	187.98	37.1	37.9	39.0	5.06	5.08	4.82
MINING	299.46	301.91	254.71	45.1	45.4	42.1	6.64	6.65	6.05
Metal Mining	308.01	306.22	256.37	44.9	44.9	40.5	6.86	6.82	6.33
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	303.02	301.40	261.12	38.7	38.2	34.0	7.83	7.89	7.68
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	265.85	270.72	249.57	41.8	42.3	42.3	6.36	6.40	5.90
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	231.08	238.19	200.97	39.5	40.1	39.1	5.85	5.94	5.14
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	133.94	133.95	117.28	36.2	36.4	34.8	3.70	3.68	3.37
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	122.51	119.60	115.61	36.9	36.8	36.7	3.32	3.25	3.15
SERVICES	105.29	105.29	104.23	32.2	32.7	33.3	3.27	3.22	3.13

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIV

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

December 1975

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES			
	Total		New Hires		Quits		Layoffs	
	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1975
MANUFACTURING	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.0
Durable Goods	1.9	0.5	2.4	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.8
Primary Metal Industries	1.2	0.5	1.9	0.2	*	0.9	*	0.1
Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.8	1.3	2.1	2.7	1.2	1.6	1.4
MINING	1.7	2.8	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.1
Metal Mining	0.9	1.7	0.8	*	*	0.3	0.1	0.1

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Jan.</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>Jan.</u> <u>1975</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
			<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	21	38	21	38
MINING	9	12	9	12
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	39	25	39	25
MANUFACTURING	10	7	10	7
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	5	8	5	8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	50	46	50	46
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	30	29	30	29
SERVICES	102	87	102	87
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL	266	252	266	252

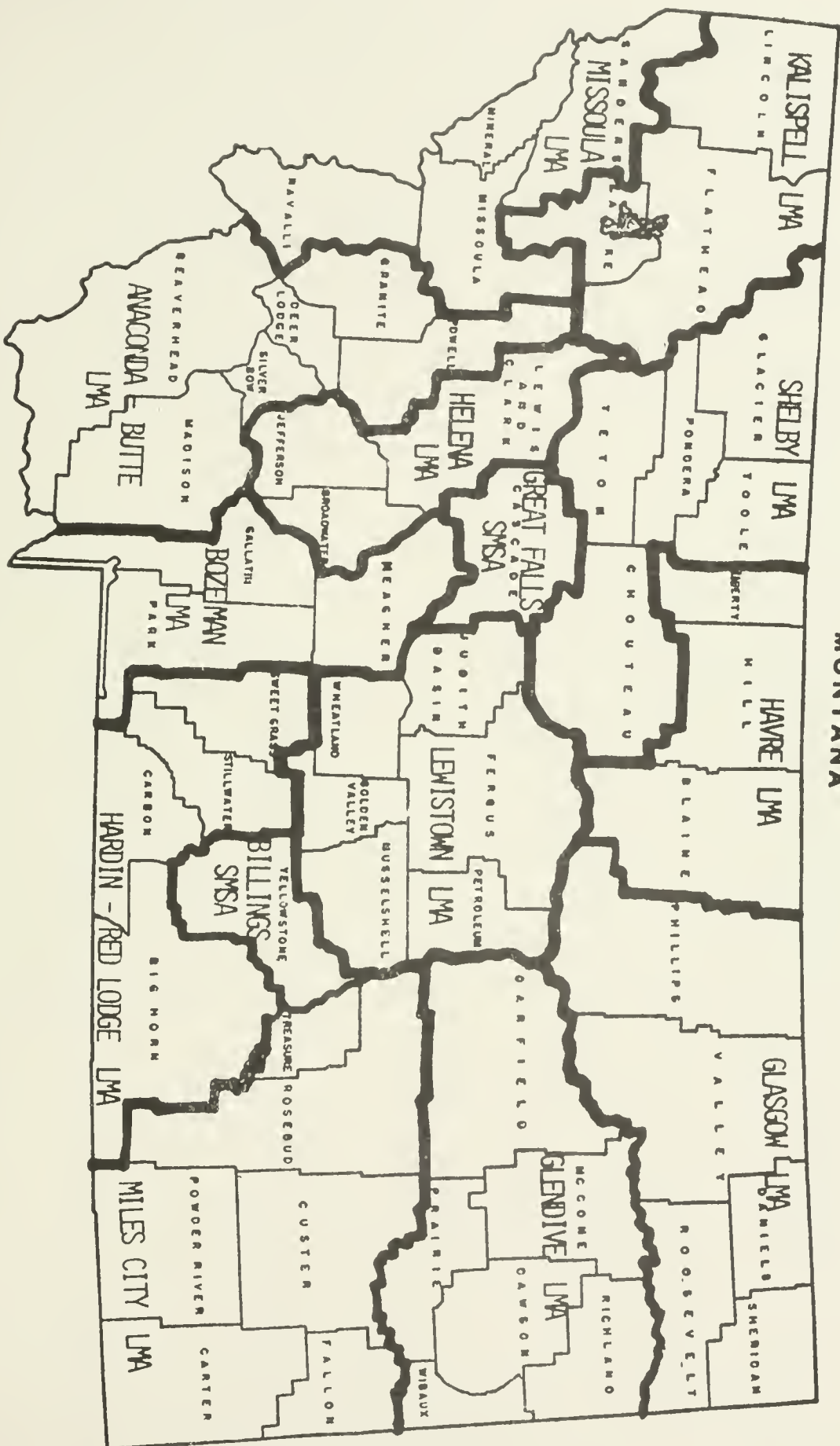
NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS					NEW BUSINESS FIRMS				
Areas	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975	Year to Date		Areas	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1975	Year to Date	
			1976	1975				1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	266	252	266	252	HAVRE LMA	10	11	10	11
					Blaine	2	1	2	1
					Hill	8	9	8	9
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35	17	35	17	Liberty	0	1	0	1
					HELENA LMA	19	19	19	19
BILLINGS SMSA	38	42	38	42	Broadwater	0	1	0	1
					Jefferson	2	2	2	2
					Lewis and Clark	17	16	17	16
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	20	21	20	21	KALISPELL LMA	31	26	31	26
Beaverhead	2	4	2	4	Flathead	23	15	23	15
Deer Lodge	1	1	1	1	Lake	6	5	6	5
Granite	0	0	0	0	Lincoln	2	6	2	6
Madison	0	4	0	4	LEWISTOWN LMA	6	3	6	3
Powell	2	4	2	4	Fergus	5	3	5	3
Silver Bow	15	8	15	8	Golden Valley	0	0	0	0
BOZEMAN LMA	14	23	14	23	Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Gallatin	12	20	12	20	Musselshell	1	0	1	0
Meagher	0	1	0	1	Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Park	2	2	2	2	Wheatland	0	0	0	0
GLASGOW LMA	12	16	12	16	MILES CITY LMA	11	19	11	19
Daniels	2	4	2	4	Carter	0	3	0	3
Phillips	0	2	0	2	Custer	6	5	6	5
Roosevelt	5	6	5	6	Fallon	3	1	3	1
Sheridan	3	1	3	1	Powder River	0	2	0	2
Valley	2	3	2	3	Rosebud	2	8	2	8
GLENDIVE LMA	11	9	11	9	Treasure	0	0	0	0
Dawson	3	3	3	3	MISSOULA LMA	38	30	38	30
Garfield	1	1	1	1	Mineral	0	2	0	2
McCone	4	1	4	1	Missoula	28	25	28	25
Prairie	2	0	2	0	Ravalli	7	1	7	1
Richland	1	3	1	3	Sanders	3	2	3	2
Wibaux	0	1	0	1	SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	14	11	14	11
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	7	5	7	5	Chouteau	1	2	1	2
Big Horn	2	5	2	5	Glacier	5	3	5	3
Carbon	4	0	4	0	Pondera	1	0	1	0
Stillwater	1	0	1	0	Teton	4	2	4	2
Sweet Grass	0	0	0	0	Toole	3	4	3	4

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

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